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## News Release

### *Officer Involved Shooting*

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at approximately 10:20 pm, an off-duty Police Officer with the St. Mary's University Police Department was fueling his personal vehicle at 3502 Culebra Ave when the officer witnessed a beer theft in-progress. The officer, who was in full St. Mary's Police uniform, says he immediately recognized the theft in progress and approached the fleeing suspect as the suspect entered a vehicle. The suspect was able to get inside of his car as the officer approached from the driver's side. At that moment, the suspect placed the car in reverse and backed rapidly at which point the officer was struck by the still open door and knocked to the ground. After backing, the suspect then placed the car in drive and reportedly accelerated the car engine and was coming towards the officer. The officer reports that he feared for his life and fired his service weapon multiple times. The suspect was subsequently struck by the officer's gunfire and crashed his vehicle into a retaining wall. EMS personnel later pronounced the suspect dead at the scene.

The San Antonio Police Department Shooting Team will be conducting the investigation while the St. Mary's University PD determines the officer's status pending the outcome of the investigation. The identity of both the officer and suspect are being withheld pending notification of kin. .

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